

An Essay on
Bignonia Sempervirens
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One Thousand eight hundred & fifty two
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The tincture of this plant. was made from the flowers: by John H. Henry M.D. of Montgomery Alabama; and sent to Dr. C. Neidhard of this city: from whom I obtained it, and by whose advice, I was induced to make this proving Dr. H. does not state the mode he adopted in preparing the tincture, but merely states that it was prepared from the flowers.-

I Joshua Stone, am twenty seven years of age; have black hair, light skin, am strictly temperate in my habits of life, using no intoxicating drinks of any kind, Coffee, Tea, or Tobacco: eschewing them all entirely.-

I am subject to occasional attacks of indigestion, and suffer much from cold hands and feet.

Otherwise than this. I enjoy a very good degree of health:-

On the evening of the 21st of Nov. 1852 at 10 o'clock. I took 6 drops of the tincture in water.-

Nov. 22^d. During the last night, was much annoyed with unpleasant dreams.-

During the day, dull aching pain in the occipital region; aggravated by movement. especially on bending the head downwards.-

This pain was much increased towards evening.

Nov. 23^d Experienced dull pains in the head and extremities.

These pains were as I have described them dull, aching, and were not severe.

Nov. 24th No symptoms.

At 10 o'clock I took ten drops of the tincture.

Nov. 25th No symptoms.

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" 27 " " "

" 28 " " "

" 29 " " "

At ten o'clock took 50 drops of tincture.

Nov. 30th During the night was very restless and constantly dreaming, particularly after midnight
Dull pain in bowels, which became quite severe towards morning.

Pair of a similar character in the
sacral and lower lumbar region.-
Dull heavy pain in region of occiput.-
Involuntary emission of semen
without an erection.-

Urine much increased in quantity.-
Ten o'clock A.M. Dull pain in the
humeral region, also in the lower
extremities, which seem to be in the
bones or deep muscles.-

Chilly all day, particularly in the
morning.-

Dec. 1st Dull aching pain in lumbar
and sacral region, which came on
about 3 A.M. Also similar pains
(deep seated) in upper and lower
extremities, and joints generally.-
Emission of semen without erection.-

Yellowish white fur on tongue.-

Sensation of something wanting in
epigastric region.-

All the pains are much aggravated by
warmth of bed, and are worse after
midnight.-

The pains spoken of above continued
during the day but were not as severe.
In evening eyes felt quite sore, and
as if there was some foreign substance
irritating the conjunctiva.-

Dec. 2^d. Very restless during the night
particularly towards morning.-

Rheumatic pains in bones and joints of
extremities, and in the back as the night
passes.-

Also pain in bowels towards morning.-
Headache of a dull aching character.

in the occipital region, extending
occasionally to Os frontis.-

At night eyes quite sore, not much
pain but merely soreness, with
sensitiveness to light and lachrymation.

Slight chills during the day.-

Dec. 3^d Awoke about 3 or 4, A.M.

with severe pains in both upper
extremities, seemed to be deep seated
in the muscles.-

The pains are also most severe, in
left arm and fore arm, and in
calves of both legs.-

General restlessness, with chills
in morning after breakfast.-

Rather dull and stupid, for some
days: with disinclination to
conversation.-

This was remarked by my friends
who knew nothing of my taking
medicine. -

Dec. 4th Rheumatic pains in extremities
as heretofore; but less severe. -

Soreness of the eyes at night. -

Dec. 5. Symptoms similar to those
experienced yesterday. -

Eyes quite sore at night. -

Dec. 6. About 4. A.M. awoke with
pain of a Rheumatic character in
extremities. -

After breakfast experienced a dull
aching pain in head in region of
occiput, which increased in severity
as the day advanced. -

At 10 o'clock A.M. I went to the
Penn. Hospital, where I saw a

number of severe wounds.-

I am not usually much affected
by the sight of wounds:-

but to-day that on something else
caused some very unpleasant
sensations: which were as follows-

My friend remarked that I was
very pale: I became very weak;
accompanied with nausea, and
trembling of lower extremities:-

These continued some ten minutes
but disappeared on going into
the open air.-

Head-ache continued to increase in
severity until after dinner: when it
was much relieved.-

But about 4 P.M. The pain again
returned and was more severe than

before; and seemed to increase in severity, until in the evening, where it became excruciating; accompanied with slight nausea.-

The pain seemed slightly mitigated by shaking the head; but the relief thus obtained was not marked.-

I also felt quite chilly.-

Went to bed about nine o'clock;

but the recumbent position did not mitigate the pain at first:-

I however succeeded in getting sleep from about 10½ to 2½ A.M. when I awoke with a most intense aching pain in left frontal region, and extending to right occipital region, and occasionally over the entire head.- This continued about one hour and

Then left me entirely. -

After which, experienced a dull
aching pain in the umbilical
region, which continued until I
got up. -

Deep seated pains in muscles of
extremities. - relieved by motion
After breakfast, had a sharp,
shooting pain, from right shoulder
to dorsal vertebra. -

Dec. 8. During the last night the
pains as heretofore in extremities;
which come on mostly after midnight. -
These pains were also continued
during the day; but in a much
less degree. -

Palpitation of muscles of Abdomen
which continued about 3 minutes. -

Dull pain in lower lumbar and sacral region. -

Dec. 9. During night, pains in extremities much as usual, particularly in, in fore arms, and calves of legs. - Also in elbow and knee joints. - All symptoms of extremities were similar to those experienced before, but were less severe. -

Dec. 10. Early in morning sharp shooting pain in last phalangeal joint of right thumb. -

Have experienced dull pains in muscles of right arm and shoulder; and some of the time, in left arm & lower extremities. -

Dec. 11. Slight pains in extremities during

the night.-

3 P.M. sharp shooting pain in
calf of right leg.-

6 P.M. sharp pain in right wrist.-

7 .. " Dull pain in left thigh.-

And under scapula of left side.-

7 1/2 P.M. severe aching pain in left
elbow.-

Have felt dull pains of a shifting
character, all day.-

Dec. 12 Symptoms of last night, were
not prominent; some slight pains
in muscles of extremities

Hypochondriacal mood all day
dull, stupid, but little pain in
muscles of extremities.-

Dull pain in head in region of
the occiput.-

9. P. M. Pain in right wrist of a dull character, with great weakness of the wrist. -

Dec. 13. Pain in wrist less severe, but it is still quite weak. -

Dec. 14. No symptoms. -

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" 16. In P. M. Took 50 drops of Tincture. -

Dec. 17. During night very restless. -
During the day tendency to headache on movement. - particularly on going up stairs. -

Dec. 18. Slight pain in left Hypochondriac region. -

Dec. 20. About 11 A. M. severe aching pain in region of occiput. for a few moments. -

very dull and stupid, with
aversion to study. -

The pupils were mostly of a dull
character, but some of them were
of a different character, as will
be perceived by the record. -

The following symptoms were obtained
by Dr. Henry of Montgomery Alabama. &
were forwarded to Dr. C. Tidhard. from
whom I obtained them. -

April 3rd 1859. I took 30 drops of the tincture.

The first symptoms felt were:

Pains over the whole top of the head,
extending back to the occiput; with
a general dizziness, and disagreeable pain
in the whole head. -

Melancholy and desponding mood. -

Pains of a shooting character in the frontal
sinus, extending to the eyes and jaws. -

The pain in the eyes is of a pricking
character extending from the centre of
the eyes, to the angles. -

In the right eye, the pains seem to
wind round the eye. -

Pain extending from the bridge of the nose to the eye. -

Pains deep in the ball of the left eye, extending from above downwards. -

Paroxysmal pains in the left lower extremity. -

Violent shooting pain in the leg, which comes on in paroxysms. every one is more violent. -

The pain is half way between the knee and ankle. -

Pain in hip of left side confining itself to the joint; it at times extends down the outside of the thigh. -

The pain is of a sharp drawing character, and much worse in motion. -

Pain in flexor muscles of the right fore arm. -

Pain in the little finger and the one next it. -

Pains in left foot and ankle; with spasmodic contraction and drawing pains in the toes. -

Pains in the neck which confine themselves to the upper part of the sterno-clido-mastoid muscles directly back of the parotid gland. On the right side pain extends from the last back tooth, up to the temple. -

Short paroxysmal pain in the superior part of the right lung. -

On taking a long breath it strikes from above downwards. -

The pain in the lung is one of the most prominent symptoms. -

Crumbling and rolling in the abdomen with emission of flatus above & ^{below.}

Periodical pains in the abdomen with
Yellow diarrhoea coming on in the evening.
Pain in left iliac region. -

Bowels loose but great difficulty in
discharging anything. -

There seems to be great strength to
the sphincter muscles. -

Yellow coat on tongue. -

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Deep seated pain in the eye of left side, extending from above downwards. All these symptoms were felt with more violence than at first. -

Spasmodic pain extending from the inner condyle of the right arm to the axilla. -

Smoky appearance before the eyes, with pain above them. -

Total blindness ensued in a very short time after taking the 30 drops, with violent dizziness. -

A band like pain, which surrounds the head, with shooting pain in each jaw and parietal bone. -

Pain in left side of head extending
from the prominence of the parietal
bone, to the mastoid process of the
temporal; it is periodical in its nature.
Periodical pains in the Pectoral muscles.

General symptoms were:

Chilly sensation over the entire body
appearing at the same time every
day.

Eyes and complexion yellow.

Complete prostration of the system
with emaciation.

The Dr. remarks, That the remedy
was taken for one week, the dose
being gradually increased each
day.

Mr. Franklin Bigelow aged 24.-

Sanguine nervous temperament.-

Took 20 drops of tincture of Bignonia.-

Eight days after taking it. Experienced sensation of heaviness and oppression of the head.-

Severe and oppressive pains in the fore-head and vertex.-

Very distressing head-ache.-

Gloomy and indisposed to exertion of any kind

Become tired & greatly exhausted very easily.-

Headache comes on after dinner & continues till evening.-

At the same time excessive drawing,

Contracting ^{crampy} pains in the lower limbs extending from the thighs to the toes.-

The pains seem to proceed from the

bones as well as muscles. -

Excessive crampy pains in the whole right foot. -

During and after a walk the symptoms are all much aggravated. -

It seems as if the limbs could not be made to move another step. -

When the pains are felt above the knee, they are not felt below, and vice versa. -

Excessive drawing and contracting pains in the Gastrocnemius muscle of the left ~~side~~ leg. - These obtained by

The other pains in the limbs all abate while sitting, this does not;

No position relieves it. -

Drawing & aching pains, which seem to come from the bones. -

Heaviness & feeling of weight in the bones. -

But little inclination to sleep; when
it does come on dreams much of
business &c.

Eyes much inflamed and weak;
with great flow of tears at intervals.-

Mr. Bigelow did not regard the
symptoms at first, as they were so
small he did not think them worth
noticing, he however concluded that
those above were not to be trifled with
and consequently resorted to them.

All which, with those obtained by
Dr. Henry and myself are
respectfully submitted.-

Essay

The influence of the mind on the body

Respectfully submitted

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